

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of May 23, 2003
9 AM – 3:45 PM

Attendance:

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee Members:

Dan Kavanagh, MPPDC
Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, VPI Water Authority
Robert Taylor, VDH
Tom Botkins, VMA
Mike Thacker, AEP
Shelton Miles
Frank Sanders, City of Winchester
Bob Burnley, DEQ
Judy K. Dunscomb, The Nature Conservancy
Terry Reid, VAWWA
Guy Aydlett, VAMWA
Cathy Taylor, Dominion
Mike West, HBAV
Brian Ramaley, Newport News

Eldon James, Rappahannock River Basin Commission
Patti Jackson, James River Association
Sam Hamilton, VA. Agribusiness Council
Ken Chandler (for Art Petrini), Richmond metro
David Kovacs (for Jesse Richardson), VAPA
Charlie Crowder, Fairfax County Water Authority
William E. Cox, Virginia Tech
Ed Imhoff
Christopher Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council
Robert Royall, VA. Water Well Association
William Stoneman, VA. Farm Bureau
Mark Bennett (for Ward Staubitz), USGS
Rick Brown, VA. Rural Water Association
David Paylor, Deputy SNR

Members Absent:

Robert Conner, Brunswick County

Jeffery Irving, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DEQ and Facilitation staff:

Scott Kudlas
Terry Wagner
Kathy Frahm

Barbara Hulburt
Mark Rubin
Bill Ellis

Division of Legislative Services Staff:

Marty Farber

Interested Parties:

John Kauffman
Kay Slaughter
Christopher Pomeroy
Kristen Lentz (alternate)
Becky Mitchell
Thomas Leahy
Scott Emry
Larry Land
Jesse Royall
Brent Waters
Kate Quinlan

Denise Thompson
Tracie Goldberg
Larry M. Foster
Teresa Gregson
John Lain
Don Hayes
David Nelms
Alisia Penn
Tom Roberts (alternate)
Tom Gray

Summary of the Meeting:

Barbara Hulburt opened the meeting by reviewing and discussing several organizational matters. The minutes of all meetings of the TAC will be posted on the DEQ website within 10 days of the full TAC meetings. The sense of the TAC was that the minutes previously posted and distributed of the April 28th meeting accurately reflected the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was reviewed. Arrangements were also made for TAC members to provide available dates for all future meetings of the TAC pursuant to the proposed timeline distributed at the April 28th meeting

Scott Kudlas, Water Policy TAC Coordinator, explained to the group that DEQ was working with the administration on a NOIRA (Notice of Intended Regulatory Action) pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Process Act. The NOIRA will be submitted for publication in the June 16th issue of the Virginia Register. There will then be a public comment period of one week to 10 days. The NOIRA will be distributed to TAC members before publication.

Dr. William Cox of Virginia Tech then gave a presentation to the TAC entitled "Virginia Water Supply Planning: A Brief History and Status Report". The substance of the presentation is reflected in the notes attached as Exhibit 1. The TAC then had the opportunity to pose questions and make comments to Dr. Cox.

Fred Fisher, Esq. of the Office of the Attorney General then gave a brief talk on "Legal Issues with Virginia Water Rights". The substance of the presentation is reflected in the notes attached as Exhibit 2. The TAC then had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to Mr. Fisher.

John Kauffman of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries then spoke to the TAC on "In-Stream Flow and the Effects on Aquatic Life". The substance of the presentation is reflected in the notes attached as Exhibit 3. Questions and comments on the presentation were made to Mr. Kauffman.

Terry Wagner of DEQ, Don Haynes and David Nelms, both of USGS, then made a presentation on the current status of data collections regarding groundwater and surface water supplies. Notes on these presentations are attached as Exhibit 4.

Notes of the questions asked and comments made on the presentations are memorialized on the transcription of the flip chart notes which are also posted by DEQ.

In the afternoon, small group assignments were distributed along with the groupings of issues that had been discussed with the TAC prior to the meeting. Barbara Hulburt pointed out that small groups were not decisions makers on the issues assigned to it. Small groups would make recommendations to the large group. If consensus is not reached on a recommendation, the small group will present a summary of the discussion of the issue. The small groups were also provided a list of questions to utilize as a framework for discussion of the issues assigned to each group. The small group assignments, issue groupings and questions are attached as Exhibit 5.

The small groups then met to organize their respective work assignments. At the conclusion of these meetings, the large group convened and discussed potential topics for future presentations to the full TAC. Topics suggested for future presentations to the full TAC are also reflected in the transcription of the flip chart notes.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of the TAC members and their attendance on a Friday before a holiday weekend. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Mark Rubin